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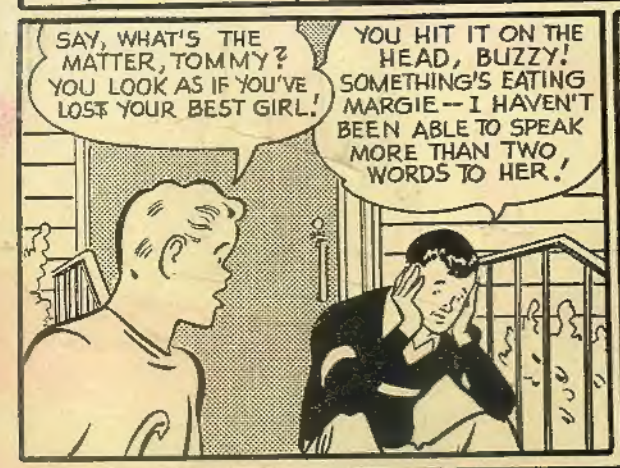
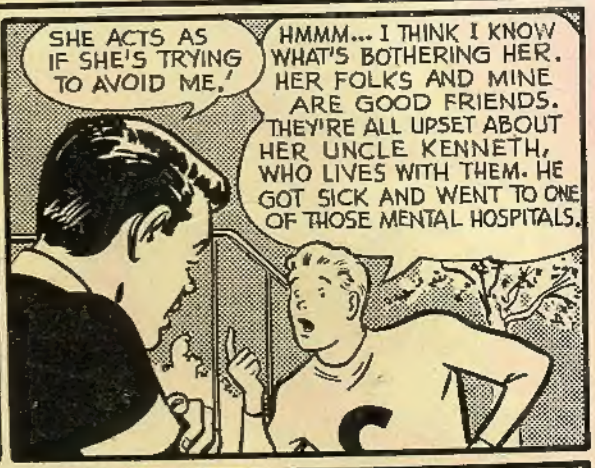
# BIG TOWN

A DARING MILLION DOLLAR HOLDUP IN THE HEART OF *BIG TOWN*-- YET NOT ONE OF THE TEEMING CROWDS SAW IT!

## "THE CRIME NOBODY SAW!"

# BUZZY scoffs at "THAT DEEP, DARK SECRET!"


SAY, WHAT'S THE MATTER, TOMMY? YOU LOOK AS IF YOU'VE LOST YOUR BEST GIRL!
YOU HIT IT ON THE HEAD, BUZZY! SOMETHING'S EATING MARGIE -- I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO SPEAK MORE THAN TWO WORDS TO HER!

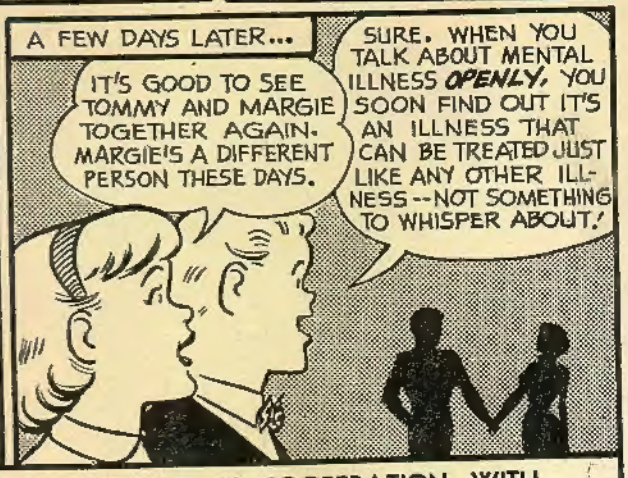

SHE ACTS AS IF SHE'S TRYING TO AVOID ME!
HMMM... I THINK I KNOW WHAT'S BOTHERING HER. HER FOLKS AND MINE ARE GOOD FRIENDS. THEY'RE ALL UPSET ABOUT HER UNCLE KENNETH, WHO LIVES WITH THEM. HE GOT SICK AND WENT TO ONE OF THOSE MENTAL HOSPITALS.

THEY SEEM TO BE -- WELL, KIND OF ASHAMED -- AFRAID OF WHAT PEOPLE WILL SAY.
GOSH! THEN MARGIE ISN'T REALLY MAD AT ME! BUT IT'S SILLY FOR HER TO GO AROUND THAT WAY!

IT SURE IS! SAME THING HAPPENED TO SUSIE'S COUSIN WHEN HE CAME OUT OF SERVICE -- AND HE'S FINE NOW!
SAY, MAYBE YOU CAN GET SUSIE TO TALK TO MARGIE -- GIRL TO GIRL!

AND SO...
THANKS A LOT, SUSIE. I FEEL SO MUCH BETTER, BEING ABLE TO TALK ABOUT IT WITH SOMEBODY WHO UNDERSTANDS.
IT'S NOT JUST ME, MARGIE. YOU DON'T HAVE TO AVOID ANYBODY! PEOPLE UNDERSTAND IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU! YOUR UNCLE IS JUST SICK, THAT'S ALL.

GOSH, I WISH SOMEBODY WOULD TALK TO MY MOTHER. SHE'S KIND OF OLD-FASHIONED ABOUT THOSE THINGS. MAYBE YOUR MOTHER...
JUST THE THING! I'M SURE MOTHER WILL BE GLAD TO HELP.


A FEW DAYS LATER...
IT'S GOOD TO SEE TOMMY AND MARGIE TOGETHER AGAIN. MARGIE'S A DIFFERENT PERSON THESE DAYS.
SURE. WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT MENTAL ILLNESS OPENLY, YOU SOON FIND OUT IT'S AN ILLNESS THAT CAN BE TREATED JUST LIKE ANY OTHER ILLNESS -- NOT SOMETHING TO WHISPER ABOUT!

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BIG TOWN
GET AWAY OR I'LL JUMP!
NEWSPAPERMAN STEVE WILSON WOULD DO ANY-THING AND GO ANYWHERE FOR A STORY! AND THAT INCLUDED CLAMBERING OUT ON A THIN STRIP OF CONCRETE 20 FLOORS HIGH... WHERE A LONE HUMAN WAVERED BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH -- WHILE THE EYES OF BREATHLESS THOUSANDS BELOW WATCHED IN HORRID FASCINATION! A BIG ENOUGH STORY FOR ANY NEWSHAWK? MAYBE... BUT EVEN WHILE HE TRIED TO SAVE THE MAN ON THE LEDGE, STEVE'S ALERT EYES WAS THE ONLY ONE TO WITNESS...
The CRIME NOBODY SAW!

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IN A PENTHOUSE SUITE IN THE GRAND HOTEL, HANGOUT OF BIG TOWN GANGDOM...
SO THAT'S IT, BOYS! THE COMPLETE PLANS FOR THE BIGGEST CAPER THIS TOWN EVER SAW!
SOUNDS OKAY, MR. DAMON! BUT THERE'S ONE THING I DON'T UNDERSTAND...
THIS SCHEME CALLS FOR A MOB--A BIG CROWD--TO BE IN THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME! HOW WE GONNA MANAGE THAT!
EASILY, BUZZ! FOLLOW ME, BOYS!
RAYMOND DAMON, GANG LEADER MASTERMIND, LEADS HIS CRONIES INTO ANOTHER ROOM OF HIS SUITE...
SIT DOWN, FELLOWS--RELAX! WE'RE GOING TO WATCH A MOVIE HERE IN MY PRIVATE PROJECTION ROOM!
CLICK
A MOVIE? I WONDER WHAT THE ANGLE IS?
AS THE CELLULOID STORY UNROLLS BEFORE THE PUZZLED VIEWERS...
WOW! I CATCH ON, MR. DAMON! THIS MOVIE ANSWERS BUZZ'S QUESTION--AND HOW!
IT PUTS THE CAPER ON ICE!
THE NEXT DAY... AS NEWSMAN STEVE WILSON SITS AT A DESK IN HIS ILLUSTRATED PRESS OFFICE...
STEVE, IF SOMETHING DOESN'T BREAK SOON, WE WON'T HAVE A GOOD LEAD STORY FOR THE FRONT PAGE TONIGHT!
IN A SITUATION LIKE THIS, LORELEI, THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO--
--AND THAT'S TO GO SEE WHADDYAKNOW JOE AT THE GRAND HOTEL! YOU PLAY BOSS HERE TILL I GET BACK!
OKAY, STEVE! I'LL BE GLUED TO THE PHONE!
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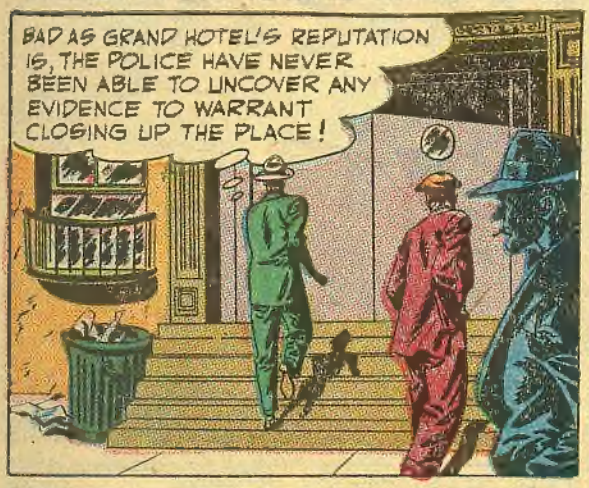
GOOLY, THE ACE NEWSHAWK ENTERS THE RENDEZVOUS OF **BIG TOWN'S** UNDERWORLD...


BAD AS GRAND HOTEL'S REPUTATION IS, THE POLICE HAVE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO UNCOVER ANY EVIDENCE TO WARRANT CLOSING UP THE PLACE!

SOON AFTER... STEVE IS ENGAGED IN A WHISPERED CONVERSATION WITH **WHADDAYAKNOW JOE,** THE BELL-HOP WHO HAS GIVEN HIM MANY A GOOD TIP IN THE PAST...

GEE, STEVE--THERE'S NOTHIN' DOIN'! I DID HEAR A GANG O' BIG BOYS GOT TOGETHER LAST NIGHT TO SEE A MOVIE! BUT I DUNNO WHERE--OR WHY!
A **MOVIE?**

AS THE **ILLUSTRATED PRESS**-MAN DRIVES UPTOWN...

BACK IN STEVE'S OFFICE, LORELEI HELPS HIM CLIP MOVIE REVIEWS...

BUT WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM LAST MONTH'S MOVIE REVIEWS, STEVE? I DON'T SEE--
GAL, A NEWSMAN NEVER STOPS HUNTING--EVEN WHEN HE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT HE'S HUNTING FOR!

A MAN ON THE LEDGE OF THE CARTRIGHT BUILDING--20 FLOORS UP!
THERE'S OUR STORY, LORELEI! LET'S GO!

ON THE STREET... AT THAT MOMENT...
A MAN--WAY UP THERE!
OH! I'M GOING TO FAINT!

PRESS CARDS PROVIDE ENTREE FOR STEVE AND LORELEI TO THE 20TH FLOOR OF THE CARTRIGHT BUILDING...
WHAT'S UP, SERGEANT? WHO'S THAT MAN OUT THERE?
NOBODY KNOWS, MR. WILSON! BUT HE'S BEEN THREATENING TO JUMP OFF!

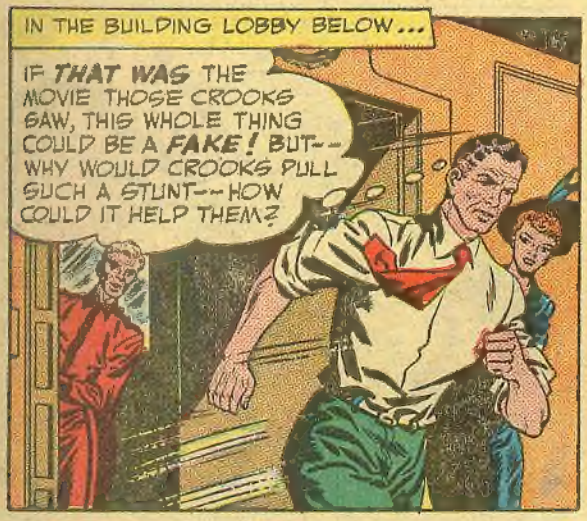
I'LL GO OUT--MAYBE I CAN TALK HIM BACK IN! AND LORELEI, GET REWRITE ON THE PHONE! TELL THEM WE'VE GOT OUR PAGE-ONE STORY!
RIGHT, CHIEF!

SLOWLY, THE CRACK NEWSHAWK JOINS THE LONELY FIGURE OUT ON THE PERILOUS LEDGE..
LISTEN, PAL--THERE'S HOT COFFEE INSIDE! WHY DON'T WE GO IN AND TALK THIS OVER?
KEEP AWAY OR I'LL JUMP RIGHT NOW!

CALMLY, STEVE SEATS HIMSELF--HIS LEG DANGLING 200 FEET OVER THE SIDEWALK BELOW...
OKAY! I'LL JUST SIT HERE THEN AND KEEP YOU COMPANY!
HUH? THAT SIGN ADVERTISING A NEW PICTURE!
SEE A THRILLER! THE MAN ON THE LEDGE

A MOVIE ABOUT A MAN ON A LEDGE--LIKE THIS ONE! IF WHAT I'M THINKING IS TRUE...!
...GO AWAY OR I'LL JUMP!
SEE A THRILLER! The MAN ON THE LEDGE! HOLLYWOOD'S BEST!

SUDDENLY, THE NEWSMAN LEAPS BACK INTO THE ROOM, AND...
STEVE--WHERE ARE YOU GOING? EVERY NEWSMAN IN TOWN IS POSTED HERE! THIS STORY IS TERRIFIC!
LORELEI, I'M GOING OUT TO MAKE A FOOL OF MYSELF--OR BE A HERO! SEE YOU LATER!


IN THE BUILDING LOBBY BELOW...
IF THAT WAS THE MOVIE THOSE CROOKS SAW, THIS WHOLE THING COULD BE A FAKE! BUT--WHY WOULD CROOKS PULL SUCH A STUNT--HOW COULD IT HELP THEM?

THEN--AS STEVE TRIES TO GET OUT OF THE BUILDING...
THERE'S MY ANSWER--CARTRIGHT SQUARE IS JAMMED SOLID! CROOKS COULD PULL ALMOST ANYTHING--AND A CROWD LIKE THAT WOULD STALL PURSUIT!

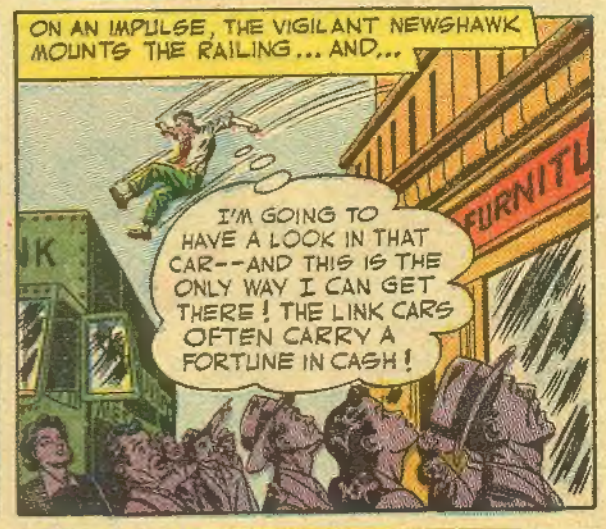
IN THE CENTER OF THE THRONG, AN ARMORED CAR IS HEMMED IN...
MIGHT AS WELL HAVE A SMOKE AND WATCH THE SHOW, DAN! WE CAN'T BUDGE!

MOMENTS LATER... INSIDE THE BIG PAYROLL-CARRYING VEHICLE...
HEIST 'EM!
GUNMEN, EDDIE! CUT THEIR WAY IN WITH AN ACETYLENE TORCH!

SWIFTLY, THE SURPRISED GUARDS ARE OVERPOWERED...
BUZZ, THIS JOB IS PANNING OUT LIKE A CHARM! FIRST WE GANG UP IN FRONT OF THE CAR TO MAKE IT STOP EXACTLY WHERE WE WANT-- OVER THE MANHOLE!

--AND NOW WE USE THE MANHOLE AGAIN FOR OUR ESCAPE HATCH!
WHILE EVERY CHUMP OUT ON THE STREET IS WATCHING ONLY ONE THING--THE MAN ON THE LEDGE! NO ONE EVEN KNOWS A CRIME IS GOIN' ON!

BUT ONE MAN OUT OF THOUSANDS--ON A BALCONY VANTAGE POINT--IS NOT LOOKING SKYWARD...
QUEER...THAT ARMORED CAR BELOW ME... I CAN'T SEE ANY SIGN OF THE GUARDS! THEY OUGHT TO BE CRANING THEIR NECKS UPWARD--LIKE EVERYONE ELSE!
LINK ARMORED


ON AN IMPULSE, THE VIGILANT NEWSHAWK MOUNTS THE RAILING... AND...
I'M GOING TO HAVE A LOOK IN THAT CAR--AND THIS IS THE ONLY WAY I CAN GET THERE! THE LINK CARS OFTEN CARRY A FORTUNE IN CASH!
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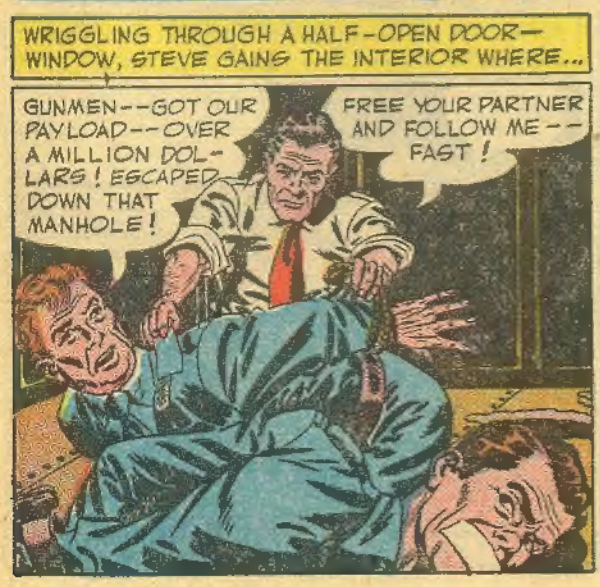
WRIGGLING THROUGH A HALF-OPEN DOOR-WINDOW, STEVE GAINS THE INTERIOR WHERE...
GUNMEN--GOT OUR PAYLOAD--OVER A MILLION DOLLARS! ESCAPED DOWN THAT MANHOLE!
FREE YOUR PARTNER AND FOLLOW ME--FAST!

NIMBLY, THE ATHLETIC NEWSMAN DROPS THROUGH THE OPENING...
THE MAIN STREET TUNNEL! THE NEAREST EXIT IS A STATION 3 BLOCKS SOUTH--THE GANG MUST HAVE HEADED FOR IT! BUT THEY'LL BE OUT BEFORE I CAN REACH 'EM--EH? A TRAIN COMING!
CHK CHK
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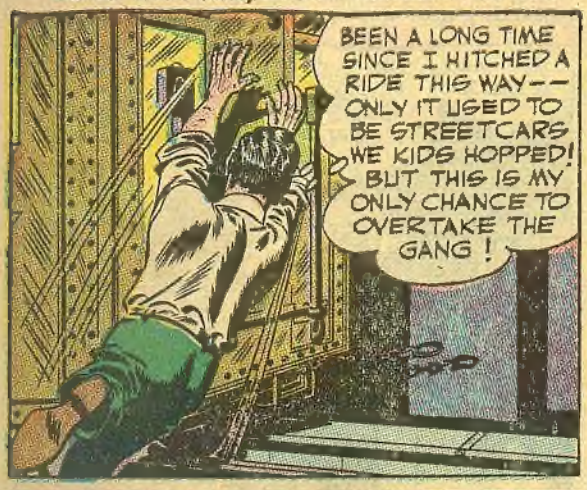
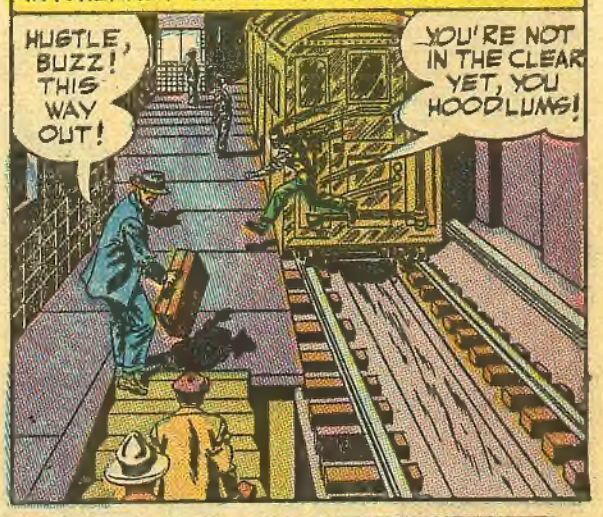
AS THE LAST CAR OF THE SLOWING TRAIN GOES PAST HIM, STEVE LEAPS FOR IT...


BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I HITCHED A RIDE THIS WAY--ONLY IT USED TO BE STREETCARS WE KIDS HOPPED! BUT THIS IS MY ONLY CHANCE TO OVERTAKE THE GANG!

IN A NEARBY STATION... MOMENTS LATER...



LIKE AN UNCOILING STEEL SPRING, THE LITHE, UNARMED FIGURE HITS HIS FOES AMIDSHIPS...

IN THE MELEE, SHEER NUMBERS RAPIDLY TELL AGAINST THE LONE FIGHTER...

BUT AT THAT CRITICAL MOMENT, THE TWO ARMORED CAR GUARDS RUSH UP...

SOON AFTER...ON THE 20TH FLOOR AT THE CARTRIGHT BUILDING ...

WHAT! YOU'RE GOING TO GET THAT GUY IN OFF THE LEDGE, STEVE?

JUST WATCH, INSPECTOR--

IN LESS THAN A MINUTE, INSPECTOR CALLAHAN'S EYES POP WIDE...

BUT HOW--?

SIMPLE, INSPECTOR, I MERELY TOLD THIS LUG I'D FOUND OUT WHO HE WAS--WINGY ADAMS, SECOND-STORY MAN AND HUMAN FLY--WITH A RECORD IN SEVEN STATES!

AS STEVE RELATES THE DARING CRIME-SCHEME--FOR WHICH WINGY ADAMS' STUNT WAS ONLY A FRONT...

AND--YOU'VE JUST HALTED A MILLION DOLLAR HOLDUP, WILSON?

SURE! IF YOU BOYS WANT TO READ ALL ABOUT IT--SEE TONIGHT'S ILLUSTRATED PRESS!

WITH THE ENTIRE GANG SAFELY BEHIND BARS... LATER THAT DAY...

NOT A BAD PAGE ONE, IS IT, LORELEI?

IF I WROTE IT, YOUR NAME WOULD BE IN THE HEADLINES, STEVE! YOU'RE TOO MODEST!

THE ILLUSTRATED PRESS

RAYMOND DAMON MOBSTERS FOILED IN $1,000,000 HOLDUP! "MAN ON LEDGE" IN ON CRIME!

THE END

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RIDDLE ME THIS by Necco

WHAT IS SOMETIMES LIVED ON AND SOMETIMES LIVED IN BUT IS ONLY GOOD WHEN BROKEN?

GIVE UP? SEE BELOW*

*ANSWER: AN EGG

FOR A REAL TREAT BREAK OPEN A ROLL OF Necco WAFERS... THE ORIGINAL SUGAR WAFER CANDY!

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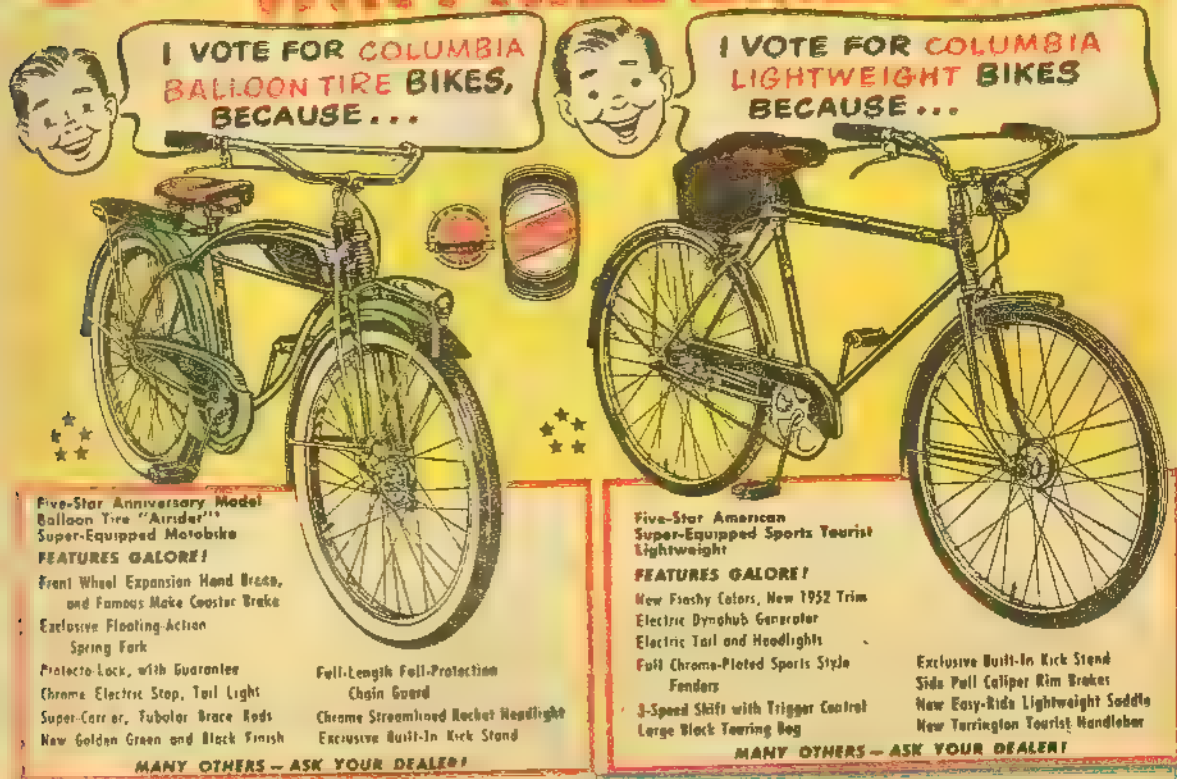


Five-Star Anniversary Model Balloon Tire "Airider"* Super-Equipped Motobike

**FEATURES GALORE!**

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**MANY OTHERS — ASK YOUR DEALER!**

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- Side Pull Caliper Rim Brakes
- New Easy-Ride Lightweight Saddle
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## BOYS; GIRLS! ANYONE CAN WIN!

**SIMPLY DO THIS** First read over the features of both Columbia Balloon Tire, and Columbia Lightweight bikes, listed here. Then go to see them at your nearest dealer's and look them over carefully. Ask him for free literature that tells all about them. Make up your mind which bicycle you'd rather have, and complete this sentence in not over 25 additional words, "I vote for Columbia (enter Balloon or Lightweight here) model because ." Be sure you vote for either one model or the other, not both. (Tip: play-up favorite features!)

## NOTHING TO BUY! NO ENTRY FEES!

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*Reg. U. S. Pat. Off.

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**MAIL YOUR ENTRY TODAY!**

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My Name is _____ ( ) Age

My Address is _____

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TURNS TERRIFIC CLOUT INTO OUT!

ANOTHER JIM WISE "P-F" ADVENTURE STORY

WE'LL NEVER WIN TOMORROW'S GAME WITH THAT KIND OF BASEBALL

JUST LOOK AT SANDY NOT EVEN CLOSE TO THAT FLY

OOPS!

PRACTICING FOR THE BIG GAME...

SORRY JIM, I JUST DON'T HAVE ANY SPEED LEFT

BETTER WEAR YOUR "P-F's" TOMORROW. YOU'LL NEED ALL YOUR SPEED EVERY INNING TO HELP US WIN

JIM WISE TELLS WHY "P-F" CANVAS SHOES HELP YOU GO FULL SPEED LONGER!

1. THE IMPORTANT "P-F" RIGID WEDGE HELPS KEEP THE WEIGHT OF THE BODY ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE NORMAL FOOT...DECREASING FOOT AND LEG MUSCLE STRAIN, INCREASING ENDURANCE.

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"P-F" MEANS POSTURE FOUNDATION ®

DAY OF "THE BIG GAME." WE WERE LEADING 4-3 IN THE LAST HALF OF THE 9TH WITH 2 OUT AND RUNNERS ON SECOND AND THIRD...WHEN...

WHAT A WALLOP! LOOKS LIKE A SURE TR PLE!

BUT LOOK AT THAT CENTER-FIELDER!

GOT IT! GOOD THING I WAS WEARING MY "P-F's"

GREAT CATCH, SANDY. YOUR SPEED SAVED THE OLD BALL GAME!

AND "P-F's" HELPED ME PLAY AT MY BEST RIGHT THROUGH THE GAME

TAKE A TIP FROM JIM WISE!

GET YOUR "P-F" CANVAS SHOES TODAY AND SEE FOR YOURSELF HOW THEY HELP:

...LESSEN FOOT AND LEG MUSCLE STRAIN

...INCREASE ENDURANCE

...YOU GO FULL SPEED LONGER

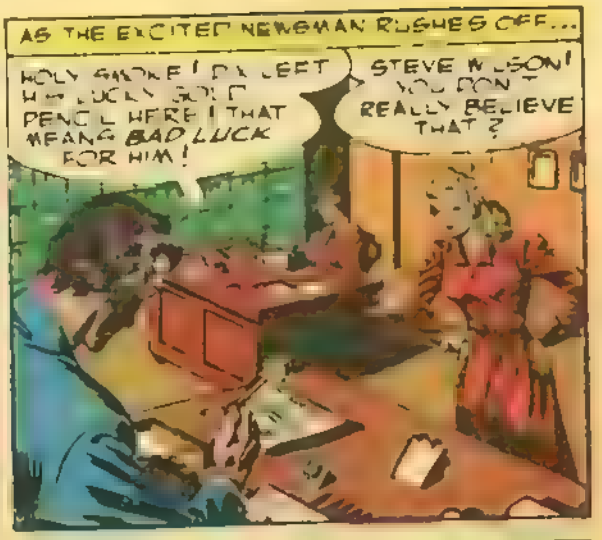
P-F

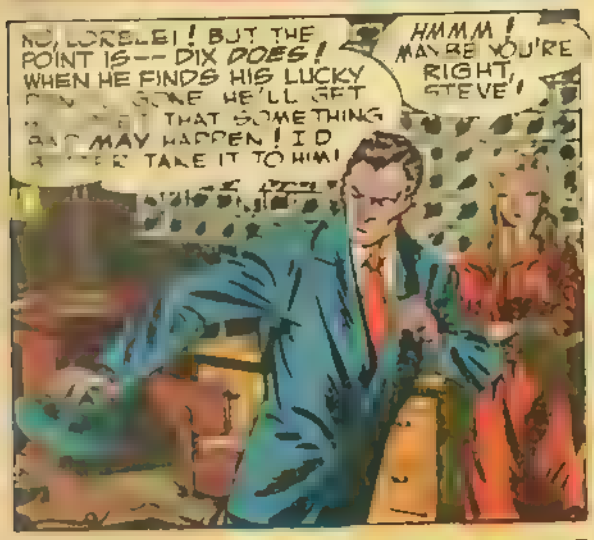
INSIST ON "P-F" CANVAS SHOES MADE ONLY BY B.F. Goodrich and Hood Rubber Company

BIG TOWN
NOTHING CAN HAPPEN TO ME ON THIS ASSIGNMENT, STEVE! I'VE GOT ALL MY GOOD LUCK CHARMS WITH ME!
DIX, DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE IN THAT SUPERSTITIOUS NONSENSE?
THE ANCHOR
STEVE WILSON IS ONE OF THE HARDEST-WORKING NEWSMEN IN BIG TOWN -- AND AS SUCH HE HAS NO TIME FOR WHAT HE CONSIDERS SILLY NOTIONS, AND OLD WIVES' TALES!
BUT NEXT TO STEVE'S DESK AT THE ILLUSTRATED PRESS OFFICE HAS SAT FOR SOME TIME PAST ANOTHER TYPE OF REPORTER -- ALSO SUCCESSFUL, BUT WHOSE UNIQUE METHODS OF STORY-GATHERING DEFY DESCRIPTION!
YOU'LL LEARN MORE OF THIS SINGULAR NEWSHAWK -- AND OF THE PERILOUS ADVENTURE INTO WHICH HE LED HIS MORE FAMOUS COLLEAGUE, IN ...
THE CASE OF THE SUPERSTITIOUS REPORTER!

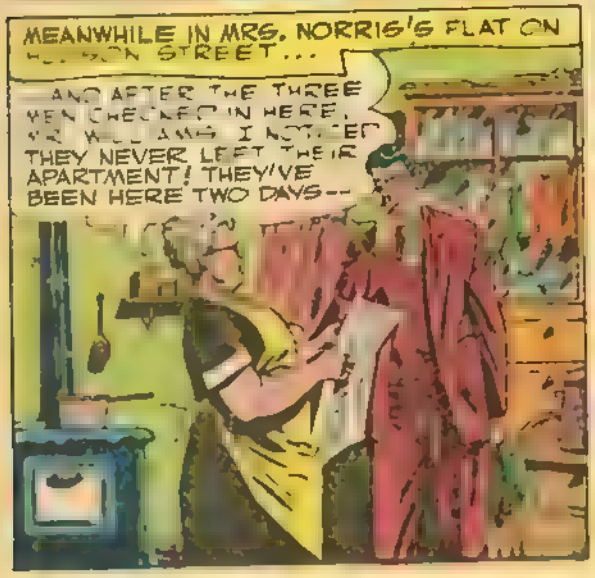
B-BUT I'M MR. WILLIAMS!
OF A JONAH!
EXACT
TRY ANYTHING NEW ON THE ODD NUMBERED DAYS OF THE MONTH--THAT'S ASKING FOR TROUBLE!
THINGS AS THE TELEPHONE ...
ALWAYS LET YOUR PHONE RING TWICE,
OKAY, DIX! BUT ER-- ANSWER YOURS--
AND IT'S BOUND TO
PICKS UP THE RECEIVER ...
WHO? OH, YES, MRS. NORRIS! SURE I
IMPORTANT TO TELL ME?

HANGING UP DIX GRABS HIS HAT AND COAT.
SHE WOULDN'T SAY WHAT SHE WANTED TO SEE ME ABOUT, STEVE - BUT THIS IS MY LUCKY DAY--THE 13TH OF THE MONTH! AND MY HUNCH IS IT MEANS A BIG STORY!
OKAY FELLER-- KEEP IN TOUCH!


AS THE EXCITED NEWSMAN RUSHES OFF...
HOLY SMOKE! DIX LEFT HIS LUCKY GOLD PENCIL HERE! THAT MEANS BAD LUCK FOR HIM!
STEVE WILSON! YOU DON'T REALLY BELIEVE THAT?


NO, LORELEI! BUT THE POINT IS-- DIX DOES! WHEN HE FINDS HIS LUCKY PENCIL GONE HE'LL GET THAT SOMETHING BAD MAY HAPPEN! I'D RATHER TAKE IT TO HIM!
HMMM! MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT, STEVE!

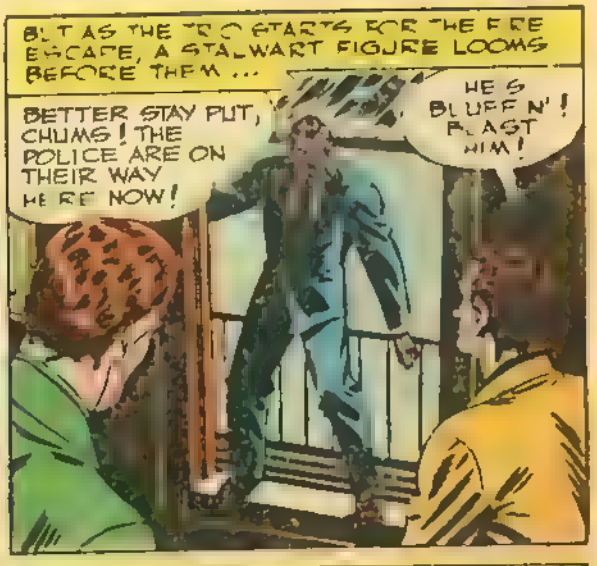
SOON AFTER... STEVE WILSON'S ILLUSTRATED PRESS CAR SCOOTS ACROSS TOWN...
MRS. NORRIS'S PLACE IS ON MORGAN STREET. I REMEMBER VISITING DR. WILLIAMS THERE BEFORE HE MOVED UPTOWN... A PRETTY TOUGH NEIGHBORHOOD.


MEANWHILE IN MRS. NORRIS'S FLAT ON MORGAN STREET...
AND AFTER THE THREE MEN CHECKED IN HERE, DR. WILLIAMS NOTICED THEY NEVER LEFT THEIR APARTMENT! THEY'VE BEEN HERE TWO DAYS--

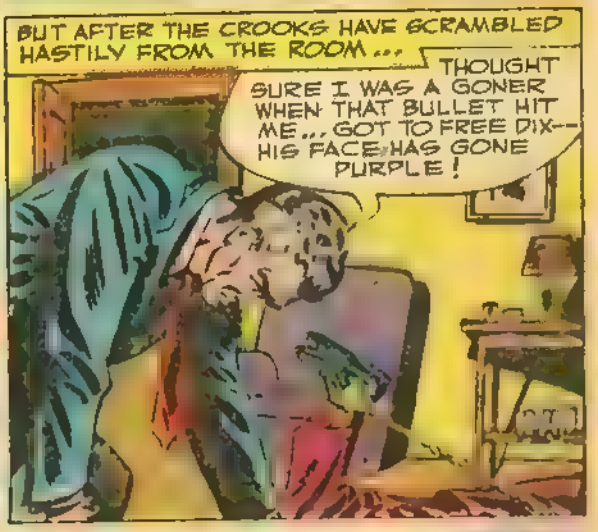
...AND YOU SAY THEY LOOKED LIKE THESE THREE?
ILLUSTRATED PRESS
GANG THAT PULLED OFF DARING DOBEL OIL CO. ROBBERY HERE IN BIG TOWN! HIDEOUT SOUGHT!

WELL, I'M NOT POSITIVE -- OR I'D HAVE CALLED THE POLICE STRAIGHT OFF! BUT THEY DO ACT STRANGE --
THEY'RE IN APARTMENT EIGHT--THAT'S RIGHT NEXT TO THIS...
IMPULSIVELY, DIX CLIMBS OUT ON THE THE FIRE ESCAPE...
YES, YOU CAN SEE INTO THEIR WINDOW FROM OUT THERE! BUT BE CAREFUL!
DON'T WORRY, MRS. NORRIS! NOTHING BAD CAN HAPPEN TO ME TODAY!
HOLD-UP GANG!
AS THE ILLUSTRATED PRESS -- MAN DECIDES SWIFTLY ON A COURSE OF ACTION..
TO THE POLICE, WHILE I STAND GUARD HERE... HUH? MY LUCKY GOLD IS GONE!
STAGGERED BY HIS "DREADFUL" DISCOVERY, AND THE NEXT MOMENT
GRAB YER HEATER, "BIGGER"!
RUDELY, THE HAPLESS INTRUDER IS PULLED TO HIS FEET...
A REPORTER!
THIS PLACE MAY BE SURROUNDED WITH COPPERS, JIM! WE GOTTA LAM -- FAST!

OUT THIS BACK WINDOW!
DONE FOR...


BUT AS THE TRIO STARTS FOR THE FREE ESCAPE, A STALWART FIGURE LOOMS BEFORE THEM ...
BETTER STAY PUT, CHUMS! THE POLICE ARE ON THEIR WAY HERE NOW!
HE'S BLUFFIN'! BLAST HIM!

THAT FINISHES HIM! NOW LET'S BEAT IT!


BUT AFTER THE CROOKS HAVE SCRAMBLED HASTILY FROM THE ROOM ...
THOUGHT SURE I WAS A GONER WHEN THAT BULLET HIT ME... GOT TO FREE DIX-- HIS FACE HAS GONE PURPLE!

GEE! THANKS, STEVE... YOU SAVED MY LIFE!

THEY MADE THE ALLEY-- BUT HERE COME THE POLICE! GOOD OLD MRS. NORRIS-- SHE CALLED HEADQUARTERS LIKE I TOLD HER TO!

RAILING IN A SWIFT DESCENT...
THEN OF RIGHT UNDER ME..
WE'LL BLAST OUR WAY OUT!
POW
ARMS AND LEGS...
OVER!
ILLUSTRATED
PRESS OFFICE...
A BULLET--IMBEDDED
HUH?
THAT'S WHAT
YOUR HEART, STEVE!
COULDN'T BE!
STEVE!
--OR COULD IT? MAYBE IT WAS--HOLY CATFISH! DIX HAS ME DOWN! IT NOW!
HA, HA!
THE END

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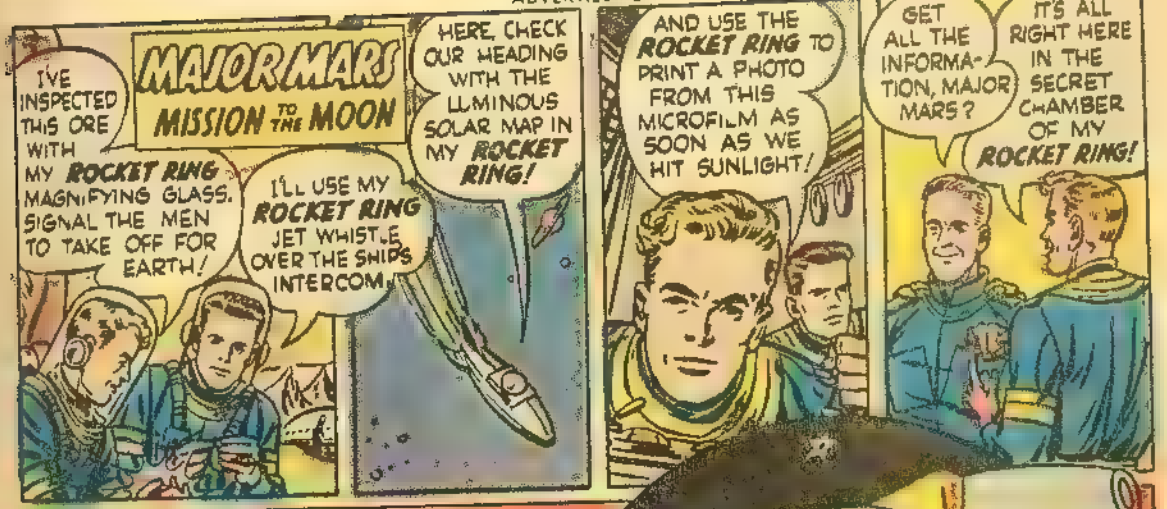
MAJOR MARS
MISSION TO THE MOON
I'VE INSPECTED THIS ORE WITH MY ROCKET RING MAGNIFYING GLASS. SIGNAL THE MEN TO TAKE OFF FOR EARTH!
I'LL USE MY ROCKET RING JET WHISTLE OVER THE SHIPS INTERCOM.
HERE, CHECK OUR HEADING WITH THE LUMINOUS SOLAR MAP IN MY ROCKET RING!
AND USE THE ROCKET RING TO PRINT A PHOTO FROM THIS MICROFILM AS SOON AS WE HIT SUNLIGHT!
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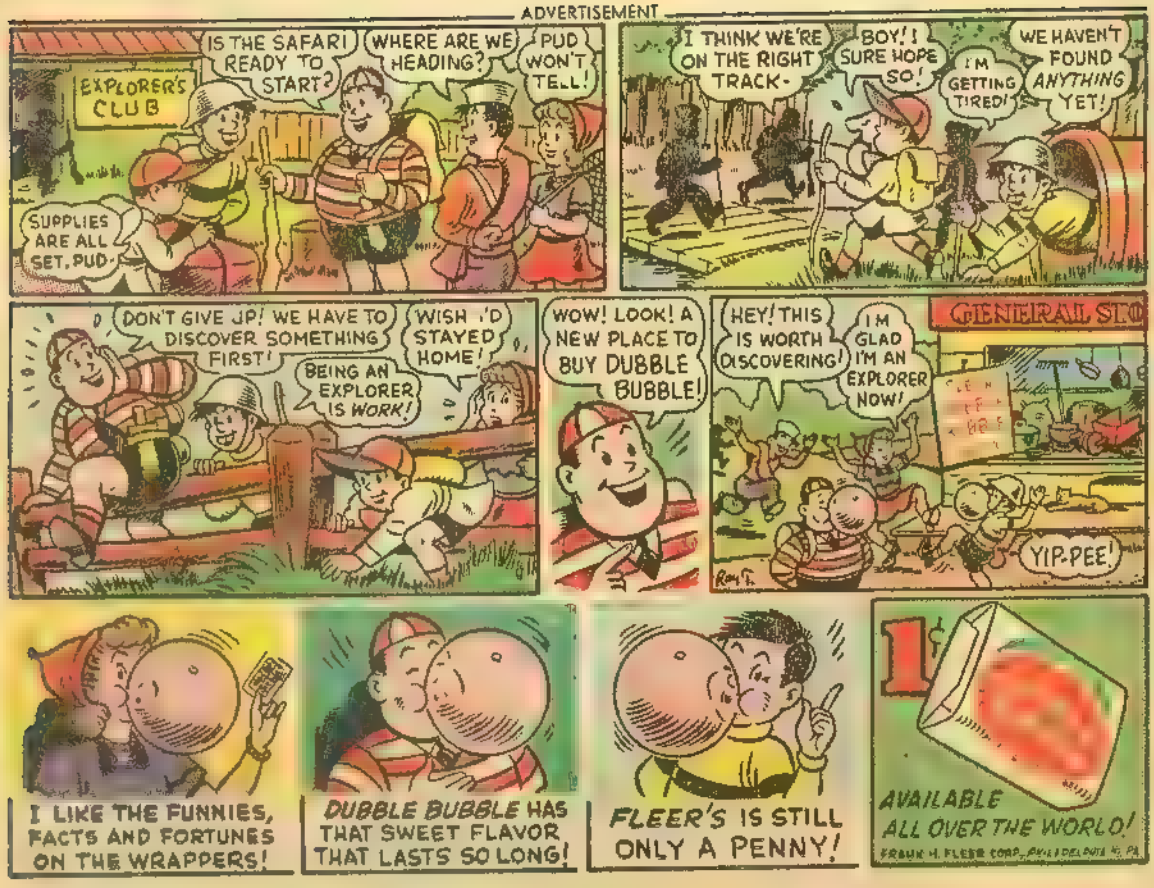
EXPLORER'S CLUB
IS THE SAFARI READY TO START?
WHERE ARE WE HEADING?
PUD WON'T TELL!
SUPPLIES ARE ALL SET, PUD.
I THINK WE'RE ON THE RIGHT TRACK-
BOY! I SURE HOPE SO!
I'M GETTING TIRED!
WE HAVEN'T FOUND ANYTHING YET!
DON'T GIVE UP! WE HAVE TO DISCOVER SOMETHING FIRST!
WISH I'D STAYED HOME!
BEING AN EXPLORER IS WORK!
WOW! LOOK! A NEW PLACE TO BUY DUBBLE BUBBLE!
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AT EXACTLY MIDNIGHT TONIGHT, IN SPITE OF ALL YOUR PRECAUTIONS AND NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE -- YOU WILL DIE!

MY BUTLER, WELLS THERE, FOUND IT IN THIS MORNING'S MAIL! BUT I *MUST* LEAVE FOR NEW YORK AT ONCE ON URGENT BUSINESS!

I'LL SEE YOU TO YOUR DESTINATION!

LATER, ABOARD THE NEW YORK EXPRESS...

WELL, I'VE SEARCHED THE COMPARTMENT COMPLETELY, AND THERE'S NOTHING MENACING IN YOUR TRAVELING BAG! ANY OTHER LUGGAGE HERE, MR. DODD?

NO, JUST THE TWO SUIT CASES IN THE BAGGAGE CAR WHICH THE POLICE ALREADY LOOKED THROUGH!

I-I M AFRAID...
DON'T WORRY YO... BE A... RIGHT MR DODD! I'LL BE IN THE ADJOINING COMPARTMENT! I HAVE A PASS KEY, SO KEEP YOUR DOOR LOCKED!
DON'T BE UPSET, SIR! I'M SURE EVERYTHING WILL BE ALL RIGHT! GOOD NIGHT!
THANK YOU KE... GOOD NIGHT!
AN HOUR PASSES, THEN...
THAT FLASH! IT'S COMING FROM DODD'S COMPARTMENT!
OHH!
DODD! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
I-I TH... SO.
AS JOHNNY INVESTIGATES...
I KNOW MY ENEMIES WOULD REACH ME! THEY'RE POWERFUL--ENVIOUS OF MY WEALTH! THAT'S WHY THEY WANTED TO... ME UP!
CALM DOWN, MR DODD! NOBODY TRIED TO BUMP YOU OFF! BUT SOMEONE IS PLAYING ON YOUR NERVES--BY INSERTING AN ORDINARY PHOTOGRAPHER'S FLASH BULB IN THIS BASIN SOCKET!
JOHNNY RETURNS TO HIS COMPARTMENT WAITING ALERTLY FOR THE DEATH HOUR...
TEN MINUTES TO TWELVE!
SUDDENLY, AT ONE MINUTE TO MIDNIGHT...
HELP! A FACE OUTSIDE MY WINDOW!

ONCE AGAIN, THE ACE DETECTIVE RACES TO THE SCENE ...
NO GHOSTS OR ANYTHING ELSE OUTSIDE, MR. DODD! PERHAPS THE STRAIN OF ALL THIS HAS JANGLED YOUR NERVES! BUT YOU CAN RELAX NOW--IT'S AFTER MIDNIGHT!
THEN THEY'VE FAILED! WHAT A RELIEF! WELLS! FETCH MY BUSINESS FOLDER! PERHAPS I CAN ATTEND TO THOSE REPORTS NOW!
YES, SIR!
THE TRAIN HAS A FIVE MINUTE STOP-OVER AT THE NEXT STATION. I'LL SEND THIS TELEGRAM TO YOUR HOME TOWN DETECTIVES, TELLING THEM THE MURDER PLOT, IF IT REALLY WAS ONE, FAILED!
THANK YOU! WELLS--WHERE'S THAT FOLDER? I MUST CHECK OVER THOSE REPORTS!
THIRTY MINUTES LATER, JOHNNY HURRIES INTO THE STATION TELEGRAPH OFFICE
PLEASE RUSH THIS RIGHT OUT!
YES, SIR!
Send a Wire!
THEN ...
GREAT THUNDER!
EASTERN STANDARD
CENTRAL STANDARD
QUICKLY, THE EXCITED SLEUTH DARTS BACK TO THE TRAIN ...
MR. DODD! THANK HEAVENS YOU'RE ALL RIGHT! I MADE A MISTAKE AND... THAT TRAVELING BAG! WHERE DID IT COME FROM?
WHY, WELLS FETCHED IT FROM THE BAGGAGE ROOM! HE MISTAKENLY PLACED MY REPORTS IN THE WRONG BAG!
LOOK OUT!
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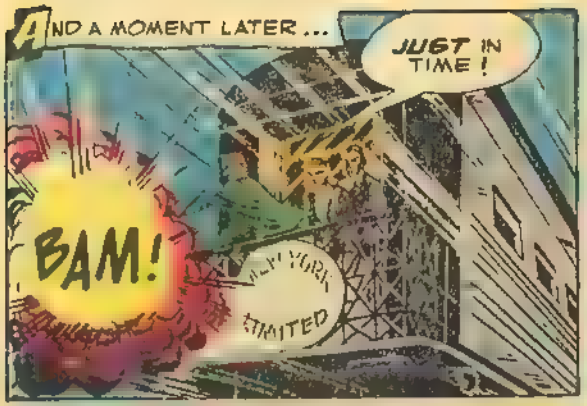
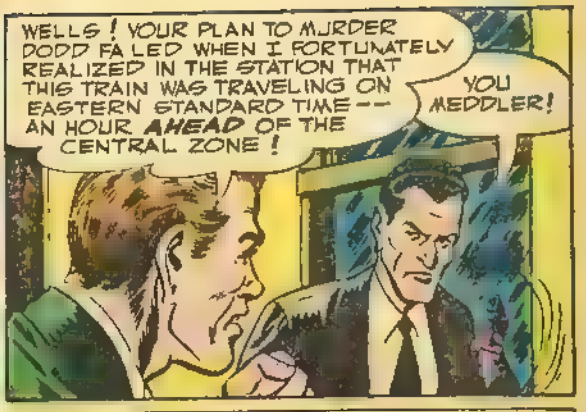
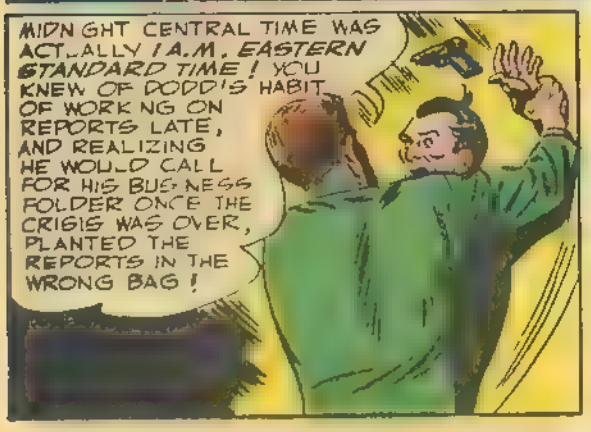
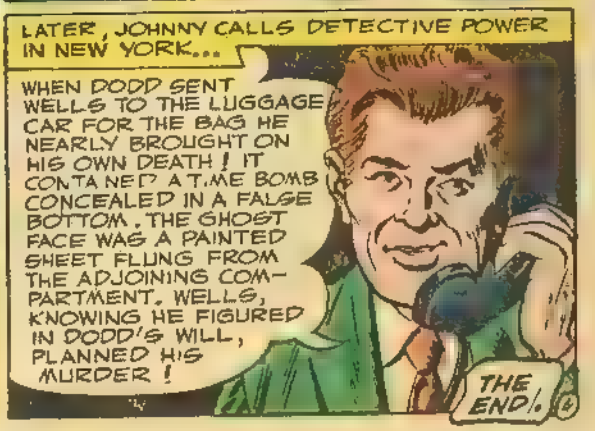




WELLS! YOUR PLAN TO MURDER DODD FAILED WHEN I FORTUNATELY REALIZED IN THE STATION THAT THIS TRAIN WAS TRAVELING ON EASTERN STANDARD TIME -- AN HOUR AHEAD OF THE CENTRAL ZONE!
YOU MEDDLER!


MIDNIGHT CENTRAL TIME WAS ACTUALLY 1A.M. EASTERN STANDARD TIME! YOU KNEW OF DODD'S HABIT OF WORKING ON REPORTS LATE, AND REALIZING HE WOULD CALL FOR HIS BUSINESS FOLDER ONCE THE CRISIS WAS OVER, PLANTED THE REPORTS IN THE WRONG BAG!


LATER, JOHNNY CALLS DETECTIVE POWER IN NEW YORK...
WHEN DODD SENT WELLS TO THE LUGGAGE CAR FOR THE BAG HE NEARLY BROUGHT ON HIS OWN DEATH! IT CONTAINED A TIME BOMB CONCEALED IN A FALSE BOTTOM. THE GHOST FACE WAS A PAINTED SHEET FLUNG FROM THE ADJOINING COMPARTMENT. WELLS, KNOWING HE FIGURED IN DODD'S WILL, PLANNED HIS MURDER!
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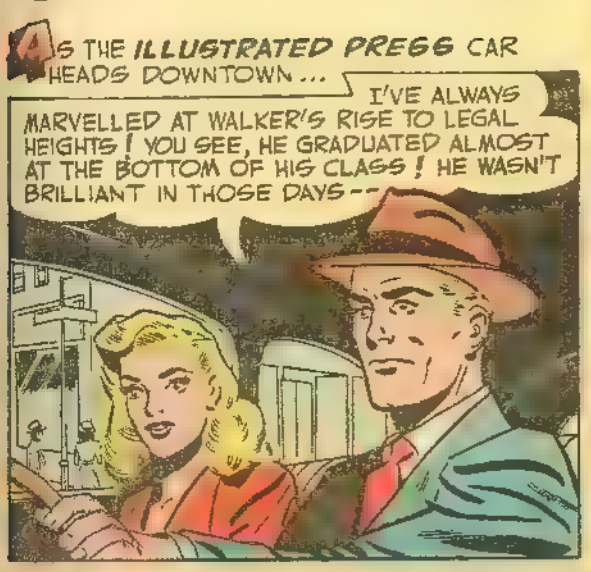
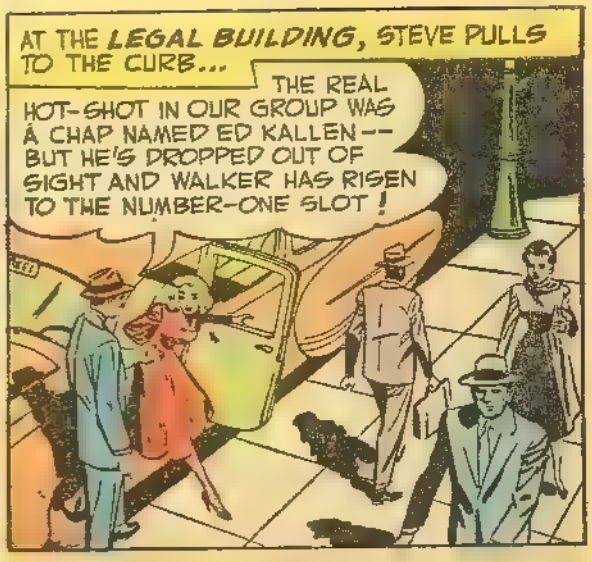
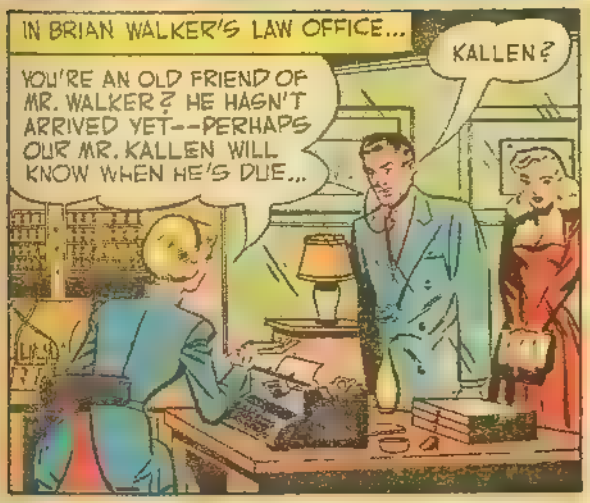
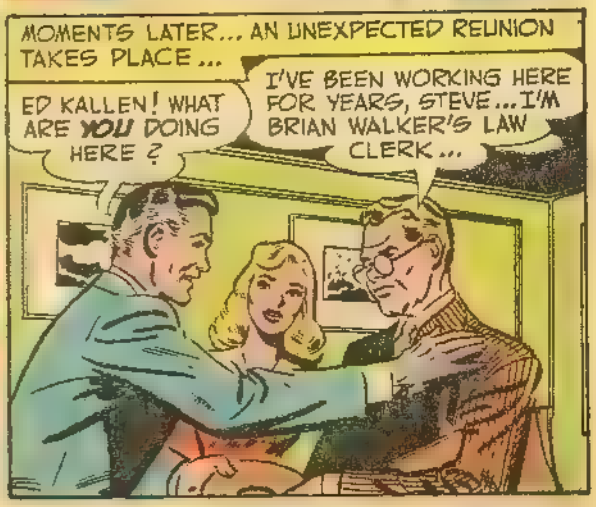
LIKE THE PLAGUE--SINCE MYSTERIOUS ASSASSINS HAVE MADE SIX ATTEMPTS TO BLOW HIM TO BITS! BUT WE'RE GOING TO INTERVIEW HIM ANYWAY, LORELEI! THAT'S OUR JOB!
JEWELRY
BRIAN WALKER WAS BIG TOWN'S MOST SUCCESSFUL CRIMINAL LAWYER! BUT SUCCESS SOMETIMES EXACTS A PRICE--AND IN HIS CASE THE PRICE WAS A THREAT OF INSTANT AND TOTAL DESTRUCTION! TO CRACK NEWSPAPERMAN STEVE WILSON, THE SITUATION RESOLVED ITSELF INTO THREE QUESTIONS! WHO WAS TRYING TO KILL WALKER? WHY? AND--MOST BAFFLING OF ALL--WHAT LUCKY STAR PROTECTED THE HARASSED BARRISTER--WHO BECAME KNOWN AS
THE MAN WHO COULDN'T BE KILLED!

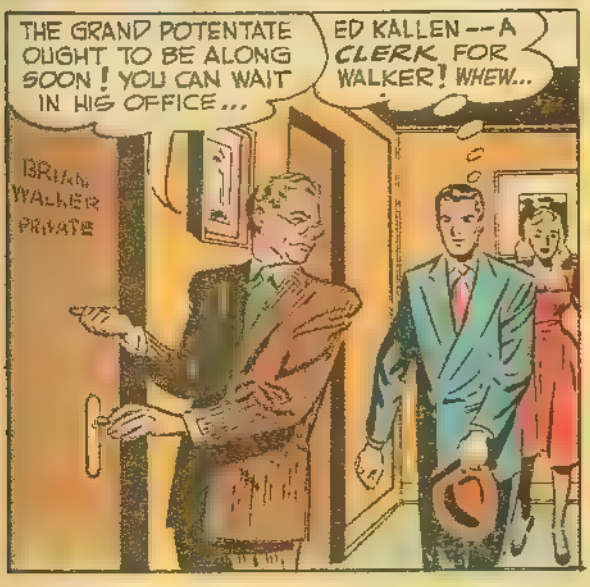
ON AN EXCLUSIVE NIGHT CLUB, BRIAN WALKER, FAMED CRIMINAL LAWYER, PREPARES TO RELAX AND ENJOY HIMSELF...
AS USUAL, MR. WALKER, YOUR FAVORITE TABLE IS WAITING FOR YOU!
THANK YOU, HENRI!
BUT AS THE WAITER PULLS BACK THE CHAIR...
BAM!
GET DOWN, HENRI! DYNAMITE!
SOON AFTER... WITH POLICE INSPECTOR CALLAHAN ON THE SCENE OF THE BLAST...
MR. WALKER, SOMEONE'S OUT TO GET YOU! WHO? HAVEN'T YOU ANY CLUES?
I'VE TOLD YOU BEFORE, INSPECTOR--NONE!
THE NEXT MORNING... ON ALL THE NEWSSTANDS IN BIG TOWN...
ILLUSTRATED PRESS
BRIAN WALKER SURVIVES FIFTH ATTEMPT TO KILL HIM!
CHARMED LIFE CONTINUES!
AT STEVE WILSON'S ILLUSTRATED PRESS OFFICE...
WE'RE GOING TO INTERVIEW WALKER, LORELEI! HE MUST KNOW WHO'S TRYING TO KILL HIM--AND WHY!
SURE--BUT HE WON'T SEE REPORTERS! YOU KNOW ANY SECRET PASSWORDS!
MATTER OF FACT, GAL--I DO! IT SO HAPPENS THAT BRIAN WALKER AND I ARE OLD SCHOOLMATES!
REALLY, STEVE? I NEVER KNEW THAT!

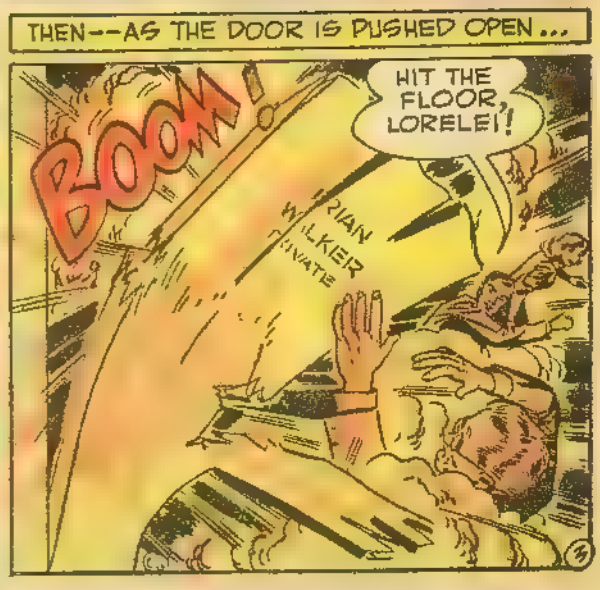

AS THE ILLUSTRATED PRESS CAR HEADS DOWNTOWN...
I'VE ALWAYS MARVELLED AT WALKER'S RISE TO LEGAL HEIGHTS! YOU SEE, HE GRADUATED ALMOST AT THE BOTTOM OF HIS CLASS! HE WASN'T BRILLIANT IN THOSE DAYS--


AT THE LEGAL BUILDING, STEVE PULLS TO THE CURB...
THE REAL HOT-SHOT IN OUR GROUP WAS A CHAP NAMED ED KALLEN--BUT HE'S DROPPED OUT OF SIGHT AND WALKER HAS RISEN TO THE NUMBER-ONE SLOT!


IN BRIAN WALKER'S LAW OFFICE...
KALLEN?
YOU'RE AN OLD FRIEND OF MR. WALKER? HE HASN'T ARRIVED YET--PERHAPS OUR MR. KALLEN WILL KNOW WHEN HE'S DUE...


MOMENTS LATER... AN UNEXPECTED REUNION TAKES PLACE...
ED KALLEN! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
I'VE BEEN WORKING HERE FOR YEARS, STEVE... I'M BRIAN WALKER'S LAW CLERK...


THE GRAND POTENTATE OUGHT TO BE ALONG SOON! YOU CAN WAIT IN HIS OFFICE...
ED KALLEN--A CLERK FOR WALKER! WHEW...
BRIAN WALKER PRIVATE


THEN--AS THE DOOR IS PUSHED OPEN...
BOOM!
HIT THE FLOOR, LORELEI!
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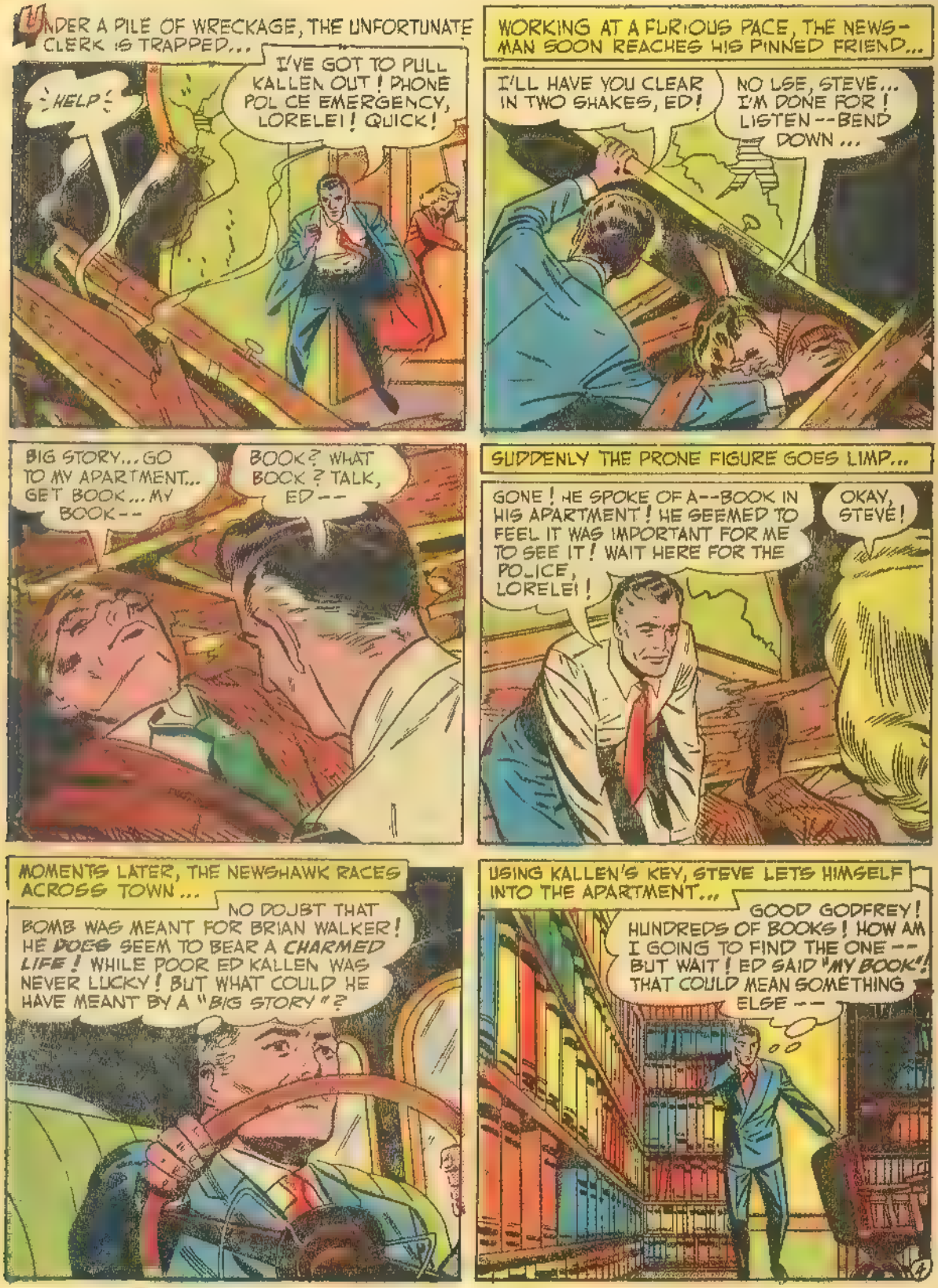
UNDER A PILE OF WRECKAGE, THE UNFORTUNATE CLERK IS TRAPPED...
HELP!
I'VE GOT TO PULL KALLEN OUT! PHONE POLICE EMERGENCY, LORELEI! QUICK!
WORKING AT A FURIOUS PACE, THE NEWSMAN SOON REACHES HIS PINNED FRIEND...
I'LL HAVE YOU CLEAR IN TWO SHAKES, ED!
NO USE, STEVE... I'M DONE FOR! LISTEN--BEND DOWN...
BIG STORY... GO TO MY APARTMENT... GET BOOK... MY BOOK--
BOOK? WHAT BOOK? TALK, ED--
SUDDENLY THE PRONE FIGURE GOES LIMP...
GONE! HE SPOKE OF A--BOOK IN HIS APARTMENT! HE SEEMED TO FEEL IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR ME TO SEE IT! WAIT HERE FOR THE POLICE, LORELEI!
OKAY, STEVE!
MOMENTS LATER, THE NEWSHAWK RACES ACROSS TOWN...
NO DOUBT THAT BOMB WAS MEANT FOR BRIAN WALKER! HE DOES SEEM TO BEAR A CHARMED LIFE! WHILE POOR ED KALLEN WAS NEVER LUCKY! BUT WHAT COULD HE HAVE MEANT BY A "BIG STORY"?
USING KALLEN'S KEY, STEVE LETS HIMSELF INTO THE APARTMENT...
GOOD GODFREY! HUNDREDS OF BOOKS! HOW AM I GOING TO FIND THE ONE-- BUT WAIT! ED SAID "MY BOOK"! THAT COULD MEAN SOMETHING ELSE--

ON A HUNCH, THE KEEN-WITTED NEWSMAN LOOKS THROUGH THE DESK...
A MANUSCRIPT OF A BOOK ED WAS WRITING! THAT'S WHAT HE MEANT BY "MY BOOK"--JUST AS I FIGURED! BUT WHAT'S IT ABOUT?
AS STEVE BEGINS TO READ THE TYPEWRITTEN PAGES...
THIS WILL MAKE THE HOTTEST STORY OF THE YEAR! IT EXPOSES--HUH?
HAND IT OVER!
A COUPLE OF TRIGGER MEN--
AND READY FOR FIREWORKS, IF YOU DON'T HAND US THOSE PAPERS!
INSTANTLY, THE FIGHTING NEWSHAWK OBEYS, IN HIS OWN FASHION...
HOW ABOUT TAKING THIS INSTEAD!
CRACK!
WITH A SWIFT LUNGE, THE SECOND THUG GETS HIS ELBOW UNDER STEVE'S JAW...
CRACK!
GUYS AS ACTIVE AS YOU--DON'T LIVE LONG, MISTER!
RECOVERING FAST, STEVE ANSWERS WITH A TRICK OF HIS OWN...
DON'T WORRY ABOUT MY HEALTH, BUSTER--YOU'RE ON THE EDGE OF A COLLAPSE YOURSELF!
WAK!

WHEN .. A HARD MUZZLE DIGS INTO STEVE'S BACK ...
THE FIGHT'S OVER, CHUMP! WINK AN EYE -- AND I'LL DROP YOU!
THE DECISION GOES TO THE MAN WITH THE HEATER...
SOON AFTER...THE THUGS HERD THE ILLUSTRATED PRESS-MAN INTO HIS WAITING CAR...
GET IN AND START DRIVING! WE'LL TELL YOU WHERE...
HEADING NORTH...THAT'LL TAKE US TO THE OPEN COUNTRY -- AND I CAN GUESS WHAT WILL HAPPEN THERE IF I DON'T FIGURE A WAY OUT OF THIS!
AT A STOPLIGHT, AS THE GRIM DRIVER GLANCES INTO HIS REARVIEW MIRROR...
HARRY THE HACK AND HIS CAB -- RIGHT BEHIND ME! BUT HE HASN'T NOTICED ME! I'VE GOT TO ATTRACT HIS ATTENTION!
AS HARRY WAITS FOR THE LIGHT TO TURN, HIS EYE IS CAUGHT BY THE BRAKE LIGHTS OF THE CAR IN FRONT...
THAT DRIVER MUST BE BATTY! WHAT'S HE WORKIN' HIS BRAKES ON AND OFF FOR? THIS AIN'T NO HILL... HUH? WAIT A MINUTE ...THEM BLINKIN' LIGHTS!...
ONE BLINK... DEN TWO BLINKS... TWO AGAIN... DEN ONE AGAIN... SAY! THAT'S MY OWN LICENSE PLATE NUMBER -- 1221!

NEAR A DESERTED ROAD NORTH OF THE
YOU HOODS
FROM THE FRONT, HAVE YOU?
HARRY!
YOW!
LEAVE 'EM TO ME!
BIG TOWN...
INSPECTOR CALLAHAN, I DEMAND POLICE PROTECTION 24 HOURS A DAY!
NEED IT, WALKER!
HERE?
BRIAN WALKER! HE'S YOUR MAN, INSPECTOR!

YOU'RE CRAZY! WHY SHOULD I TRY TO KILL MYSELF?
YOU DIDN'T! YOUR OBJECT WAS TO THROW OFF SUSPICION-- SO THAT YOU COULD KILL ED KALLEN AND GET AWAY WITH IT!
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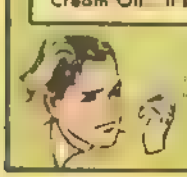

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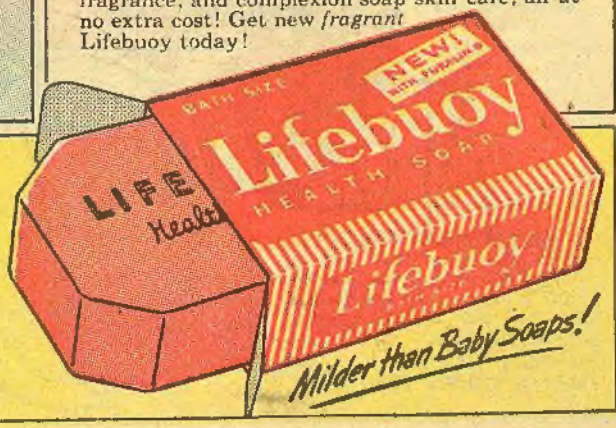


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